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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"In view of the fact that the Home Member was saying that a head constable opened fire and that the man was injured, was any order given to that head constable to open fire ?"

The hon. Khan Bahaur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "No, Sir; when he found that Mr. Bulkley was in danger, he immediately fired a shot in order to save Mr. Bulkley."

Books and Publications

Alleged proscription of the "Bheeshma Prathignya."

*553 Q.—The Zamindar of Gollapalli : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government propose to proscribe *Bheeshma Prathignya* especially the scene of moral delinquency of Satyavati from staging ?

A.—There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government.

The Zamindar of Gollpalli :—"Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of proscribing such dramas ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "There is no such proposal at present; if the hon. Member writes to the Government bringing facts and figures to their notice, the Government will consider the question."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"Before the Government makes up its mind to interfere with literature, will the Government consider that Law and Government cannot really regulate these literary productions ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— "As I have said, there is no proposal before the Government." (Voices :—Thanks.)

Police

Alleged ill-treatment of the under-trial accused in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case.

*554 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a letter from Mr. N. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar about the under-trial accused in the Trichinopoly Railway strike case ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the accused in the said case are over 55 years old and suffering from diseases such as hernia, etc., and whether all the accused were made to walk a distance of three miles from the Central Jail to the Court of the Deputy Magistrate, Trichinopoly, on 14th September 1928 ;

(c) whether it is a fact that they represented to the escort officer that they were too ill to walk ;

(d) whether the escort officer reported the matter to his superiors and whether their representation resulted in the men being handcuffed ;

(e) whether it is a fact that on being made to walk like this, one of them fainted and fell on the road three times ;